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PATENT

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In re application of: Michael Poirier, Vijay K. Mahant

Application No: 09/977,930

Group No: 1641

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For: Semi-Continuous Blood Separation Using Magnetic Beads

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

1. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences

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3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of small entity (and status is still as small entity).

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 395.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT FEE		
TOTAL	8	- 20	= 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	1	- 3	= 0	x \$ 100.00	= \$		0.00
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No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$395.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00

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Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 502191.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims

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